

21) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Transportation, Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 568 Big Bend Drive, Victoria, TX 77904

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$237,500 for bus replacement in Victoria, Texas in furtherance of transportation system improvement to enhance job retention and creation in and around Victoria, Texas

22) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: HHS, HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Health Care Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 7737 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77074

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$190,000 for healthcare facilities and equipment in and around Houston, Texas

23) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Innovation and Improvements

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reach out and Read

Address of Requesting Entity: 56 Roland Street, Suite 100D; Boston, MA 02129

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4,965,000 for reading based federally-funded national educational program.

24) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Innovation and Improvements

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental (RIF)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW—Suite 400; Washington, DC 20009

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$24,803,000 for reading based federally-funded national educational program.

25) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Innovation and Improvements

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SURE BET

Address of Requesting Entity: 5606 N. Navarro, Suite 200 R; Victoria, TX 77904

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$95,000 for program to reduce school drop-out rates in and around Victoria, Texas

26) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Housing and Community Services, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 8610 N. New Braunfels, Suite 500; San Antonio, TX 78217

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$23,750 for equipment at Fox Run Apartments in Victoria, Texas

27) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: OJP, Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texana Center, inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4910 Airport Avenue, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for Nublac drug rehabilitation program targeted to serve minority residents in and around Bay City, Texas

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, for almost half a century Rabbi Arthur Schneier has promoted religious freedom and human rights throughout the world. A Holocaust survivor, and the Founder and President of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, Rabbi Schneier has devoted his life to overcoming the forces of hatred and intolerance.

He has been a pioneer in bringing together religious leaders to address, ethnic or religious conflicts. For example, in Bosnia in 1997, he convened government and religious leaders to promote healing and conciliation between Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish communities. In the Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia he worked with the Orthodox Patriarch and the Turkish Government to hold the Peace and Tolerance Conference in 1994 and address religious and ethnic tensions in that area. In the former Yugoslavia, he mobilized religious leaders to halt the bloodshed of the early 90s, holding the Religious Summit on the Former Yugoslavia and the Conflict Resolution Conference to build support and consensus among religious leaders of different faiths. Since the early 1980s, he has led delegations of religious leaders to China to open a dialogue on religious freedom.

Born in Vienna, Austria, in 1930, Rabbi Schneier lived under Nazi occupation in Budapest during World War II and came to the United States in 1947. He has been the Spiritual Leader of the Park East Synagogue in New York City since 1962.

Today I am reintroducing the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Gold Medal act and I urge my colleague to support this legislation in recognition of a truly remarkable man.

RECOGNIZING AT&T FOR JOBS CREATION AND COMMITMENT TO CLEAN ENERGY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to applaud AT&T for its commitment to creating new jobs with an environmentally friendly, clean energy business model.

At a time when millions of Americans are suffering through one of the most difficult economies in many years, AT&T plans to create 3,000 new jobs as part of an \$18 billion investment. Under this initiative, the company will enhance its broadband capacity—increasing Internet speed and accessibility for its customers.

AT&T also plans to invest \$565 million in replacing its current fleet with 15,000 domestically manufactured Compressed Natural Gas, CNG, and alternative-fuel vehicles. Over the next 10 years, this will create or save 1,000 jobs.

The Center for Automotive Research, CAR, in Ann Arbor, MI., estimates that the new vehicles will save 49 million gallons of gasoline and reduce carbon emissions by 211,000 metric tons over the 10-year deployment period. That is equivalent to removing the emissions from more than 38,600 traditional passenger vehicles for a year.

Madam Speaker, AT&T has not only answered the call to help lead this country out of the economic downturn, but done so in an environmentally conscious manner. AT&T stands as a strong example for corporate America, and I hope that others will follow in their footsteps.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, I was unexpectedly detained at a doctor's appointment and missed one vote. I would like the RECORD to reflect how I would have voted.

Rollcall No. 116, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 67, Recognizing and commending the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and Cornell University for the success of the Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, on the 5th anniversary of their successful landing, I would have voted "yea."

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of House Resolution 194, supporting the goals of International Women's Day. Women have come a long way in our nation; leading graduation rates at universities, running major corporations and being elected to the highest levels of government. I am proud to live in a country where more women than ever before are being elected to office and I am proud to serve with the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives. However, many women around the world continue to be less fortunate; living in poverty, without access to health care, education or basic human rights. We must continue to be their voice, so that women all across the world will one day have the ability to make their own decisions about their lives. I hope that by providing women with the tools to educate themselves, they are better equipped to provide for their families, protect themselves against HIV/AIDS, end cycles of domestic violence, and fight for their rights. Mr. Speaker, we must continue to support the goals of International Women's Day to